

Santa Clara County	
DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
P. A. Jordan	Thos. L. Blanchard
Chas. M. Richards	C. W. Delaney
Santa Cruz County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
P. T. Phillips	A. N. Nittler
Shasta County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Sherman T. White	Ferdinand Stabel
Siskiyou County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
H. S. Warren	Frederick H. Tebbe
Stanislaus County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
E. F. Reamer	B. F. Surryhne
Sonoma County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
F. O. Butler	Jackson Temple
Tulare County	
DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Carlos M. White	Louis L. Seligman

Correspondence

RESIGNATION OF THE EDITOR

The Council of the California State Medical Society, San Francisco, Calif.
(Through the Secretary, Dr. W. E. Musgrave)
Gentlemen:

I tender herewith my resignation as editor of the California State Journal of Medicine, to take effect at the will of the secretary of the society, but in no case later than two months from date.

While I regret the severance of my official executive relationship with the office of the State Medical Society, I still cannot but express to you my profound gratification and satisfaction at the development of the circumstances which seem to me to make that action timely. During the four years of my service as editor it has been my constant conviction, expressed many times, that the best interests of the State Society would be served by one full time man who would combine the functions of secretary and editor. The policy of development of the Journal has had this ideal constantly in mind.

It is, therefore, with the deepest gratification that I congratulate you and the entire State Society on having secured the services of so peculiarly qualified a man as Dr. Musgrave, and it will be my endeavor in the future, as in the past, to place myself unreservedly under the direction of so distinguished and experienced a leader. My personal relations with Dr. Musgrave as well as my acquaintance with his activities which are a matter of record, permits me to indulge in the sincere conviction that in him you have selected and secured an admirable public servant and an inspiring medical leader.

One further word may be allowed to state my appreciation of the collective and individual support of the council in the attempt to improve and strengthen the Journal. No report of the Journal as such is needed as it is its own witness for good or for ill.

Assuring you of my continued cordial and loyal relationship to the development of the State Society and of scientific medicine, I am

Very truly yours,

ALFRED C. REED, M. D.

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A WORTHY APPEAL

To the Alameda County Medical Society,
Oakland, California.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

An appeal has come to the Society this week for help for one of our fellow-practitioners who is

superannuated, helpless and dependent upon charity. Nearly two years ago I called a like case to the attention of this Society with the suggestion at that time that an effort be made to interest the State Society in the question of establishing some kind of fund so that those members of the medical profession of California who become dependent may be helped by their fellow-practitioners instead of becoming objects of charity upon the body politic.

Those of us who are prospering owe something to our fellow-practitioners who also have sacrificed their strength for the good of their respective communities, and the medical practitioners of this State should, in justice to our profession, make some sort of arrangement by which those of their fellows in the profession who become dependent may be relieved.

I, therefore, move that a committee on relief of dependent physicians and dependent families of physicians be appointed by this Society for the purpose of undertaking the creation of a state fund to this end.

I further move that this letter and a statement of the action taken by this meeting tonight, be sent forthwith to the California State Medical Journal for publication, in order that the way may be prepared for like action throughout the state of California.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL CROSBY.

This matter received the hearty endorsement of the Society at its regular meeting held at the Alameda County Health Center, February 21, 1921, and both motions were unanimously carried. The president, Dr. Alvin Powell, appointed Drs. Daniel Crosby, chairman, and F. W. Browning and C. W. Page to serve as a committee in accordance with the provisions of the motion.

PAULINE S. NUSBAUMER, Secy.

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A SECTION ON DERMATOLOGY

To the Editor

I trust that you will find possible to publish the following letter addressed to the membership of the State Society at large.

"The Section of Dermatology and Syphilology"

The writer wishes to call attention to the anomalous fact of misrepresentation or rather of missed presentation of Dermatology among other branches of clinical medicine in the State Society. Judging by the number of Dermatologic papers presented before state meetings and published in the State Journal, Dermatology is easily the most unpopular and unproductive branch in medicine. Dermatologic papers are obliged to beg for shelter and to depend on charity and hospitality of the other Sections to secure a place on the program which should be theirs by right. If dermatologists and practitioners interested in skin diseases are too weak numerically to form a Section of their own, could not arrangements be made to combine Skin with the other Sections, such as Ge.-U.? This combination works very well in other states, for instance in Ohio. The majority of Ge.-U. men are combining in their private work Skin and Ge.-U. It is hard to see reasons why they refuse to extend the same policy into their state Section.

Another combination occurs to the writer which may be even more plausible—this is the organization of the Section of Dermatology and Syphilology. The close association of Dermatology and Syphilology is universally recognized, and hardly needs a new emphasis. Most, if not all medical colleges, combine them into one Department of Dermatology and Syphilology.

American Medical Association officially has assumed the same attitude, publishing "Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology." It would be natural and logical for the State Medical Society of

California to follow the official lead and organize a Section of Dermatology and Syphilology.

Such a step would correct the anomalous omission of an important Section on the program and would enlarge the scope of scientific contributions offered to the State Society.

The writer hopes that this suggestion will appeal to a sufficient number of members of the State Society to assure an early action on organization of the new Section of Dermatology and Syphilology.

Very sincerely yours,

MOSES SCHOLTZ, M. D.

Los Angeles, Cal.

County Societies

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Society was held at the Health Center on Monday evening, February 21, 1921. Dr. Chesley Bush was in charge of the program of the evening which proved very interesting and stimulated much discussion. Dr. Quinton Gilbert reported a case of tuberculosis of the mediastinal glands, followed by a generalized tuberculosis. This he illustrated by interesting lantern slides. Dr. Roscoe Van Noys presented some X-ray case reports illustrated by lantern slides. Dr. Edward Von Adelung read a scholarly paper upon lung abscess. Dr. Phillip King Brown gave an outline of the medical program of the State Tuberculosis Society. Dr. Chesley Bush's paper on "Aspects of Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis" was very helpful and based upon a careful review of the literature of the last two years and personal observations.

The following new members were admitted to the Society: Dr. Ruth Burr, Dr. May Walker, Dr. Frank Kelly, Dr. Guy Wallace, Dr. Quinton Gilbert.

Dr. John Snook and Dr. W. S. Taylor resigned. Dr. W. S. Taylor's name was added to the list of honorary members.

Dr. Streitmann spoke in appreciation of the action of the Supervisors in planning and erecting the Highland Hospital upon such a liberal and modern scale. The Society unanimously voted to express to the Supervisors their pleasure and satisfaction in the purpose and progress of the hospital.

The monthly meeting of the Merritt Hospital staff was held on Monday evening, February 7. The following program was presented: Critique on Methods of Treating Hip-joint Fractures, Dr. Geo. Rothganger; Review of Advances made in Radium Therapeutics, Dr. Wm. H. Sargent; Demonstration of the Rieber Fluoroscope, Dr. A. C. Siefert.

Invitations have been received by all physicians of the County to attend the post-graduate instruction in chest diagnosis, to be held on March 11 at the Health Center, under the direction of the California Tuberculosis Society.

Ceremony of Breaking Ground for the Ethel Moore Memorial Children's Building occurred on Sunday, March 6, at 3 o'clock at the New Alameda County Health Center site at 2nd and East Eleventh street, Oakland.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Los Angeles County regular meeting, February 3rd, Los Angeles County Medical Association met at the Friday Morning Club on Thursday evening at 8 p. m.

Dr. Fred H. Lithicum read a paper on "Ozena and Its Relation to Tuberculosis," dealing with the subject in an able manner and presenting many new thoughts relative to tuberculosis as a factor.

Dr. E. C. Fishbaugh presented a paper on "Pre-Ataxic Gastric Crisis."

Dr. F. M. Pottenger, in his usual interesting

manner, discussed "Pain as a Symptom in Visceral Disease."

At the regular meeting on February 17th a discussion of the School of Instruction for Diagnosis, under the auspices of the California State Tuberculosis Association, was ably conducted by the President, and much information elicited regarding the aims of the Association, its methods, and the results to be attained, thereby. An exhibition of the Diagnostic Moving Pictures, as prepared by Surgeon-General Ireland of the United States Army, was presented.

Dr. D. F. Harbridge presented "Entente Cordiale."

Dr. Winfred Wylie of Phoenix, Arizona, was invited to address the Society on Medical Defense.

Hospitals

The acute shortage of hospital beds for pay-patients in Los Angeles County is still unrelieved. It is estimated that at least 1000 new beds are required to properly care for the present population. This situation naturally brings about many schemes and plans in the minds of those interested. Of projected plans and architectural dreams, there are no end, many of them unfortunately founded on a basis of subscription from the profession. Fortunately for the community, the Lutheran Hospital Society of Southern California, whose acquisition of the California Hospital at 15th and Hope streets was recently announced in these columns, has definitely decided upon the erection of a six-story and basement, class "A," hospital building, the first unit of which will contain 250 beds, in addition to which a separate unit containing 100 beds for children will be built.

Personals

Dr. Norman Bridge, Dean of Internists, of Southern California, is convalescing with all the vigor of youth from an appendectomy.

Dr. Donald E. Baxter, for several years superintendent of hospitals for the Rockefeller Foundation, who has been in charge of the hospital of the Union Medical College of Peking, China, for the past two years, has returned to his home in Los Angeles.

Deaths

Dr. E. H. Garrett, formerly police surgeon of this city, died on February 18, at his home, 2251 West 20th street. Dr. Garrett was a native son, having been born at Wilmington, and received his degree from the Southern California Medical College. He was only 48 years of age, and his death is a great loss to the medical profession.

Dr. Stanley P. Black, one of the most eminent pathologists of the West, and prominent in Los Angeles and Pasadena Medical Circles for a quarter of a century, died March 5th at his home in Pasadena, of septicemia and pneumonia. For a number of years he was Professor of Pathology in the Southern California Medical College, and may be considered the Nestor of this branch of the profession.

MENDOCINO COUNTY

At our yearly meeting, held February 24 at Fort Bragg, the following officers were elected: President, Homer H. Wolfe, Albion; Vice-President, Lew Knapp Van Allen, Ukiah; Secretary-Treasurer, Oswald H. Beckman, Fort Bragg; Assistant Editor, O. H. Beckman, Fort Bragg; Delegate, Harper Peddicord, Fort Bragg; Alternate, Raymond A. Babcock, Willits.

ORANGE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Orange County Medical Society was held in the chapel at the County Hospital, Tuesday, March 1. There was a large attendance present.

A paper on "Urethral Stricture" was read by Dr. Lane of Santa Ana. The paper described the modern line of treatment of urethral stricture, and